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DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

DIADIN 133-28 (AS OF: 1255 EDT 12 MAY 76)

USSR-CUBA: ARMS REQUEST DENIED. (TS UMBRA)

1. (TS UMBRA) MOSCOW HAS REBUFFED HAVANA'S REQUESTS FOR NEWER, MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEMS, ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN HAVANA WHO RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM HIS CZECHOSLOVAK COUNTERPART.

2. (TS UMBRA) RAUL CASTRO EXTENDED HIS STAY IN MOSCOW AFTER ATTENDING THE FUNERAL OF MARSHAL GRECHKO, APPARENTLY TO RELAY THE APPEAL FOR MORE ADVANCED WEAPONRY. ITEMS SPECIFIED INCLUDED MIG-23/FLOGGERS, NEWER GENERATION MISSILES FOR THE ARMY, A LOW-ALTITUDE RADAR NETWORK, AND A MORE MODERN ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE SYSTEM.

3. (TS UMBRA) HAVANA'S DESIRE FOR NEW EQUIPMENT IS SAID TO BE MOTIVATED BY THE LEADERSHIP'S CONCERN OVER RECENT WASHINGTON WARNINGS REGARDING CUBA'S FURTHER INVOLVEMENT IN THE THIRD WORLD. THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT CUBA'S PRESENT INVENTORY WAS ADEQUATE TO MEET ITS SECURITY NEEDS, PROBABLY REFLECTING A DESIRE (80 PERCENT, B) NOT TO GIVE CUBANS WEAPONS THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE BY THE US. THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE REQUEST WAS NOTHING NEW, CITING SIMILAR APPEALS BY RAUL CASTRO ON THREE OCCASIONS DURING HIS VISITS TO THE SOVIET CAPITAL IN EARLY 1974.

4. (TS UMBRA) IN HIS RECENT STAY IN MOSCOW, THE CUBAN 1ST VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES MET WITH BOTH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV AND PARTY IDEOLOGIST SUSLOV, BUT THE EXACT NATURE OF THEIR TALKS WAS NOT DISCLOSED.

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